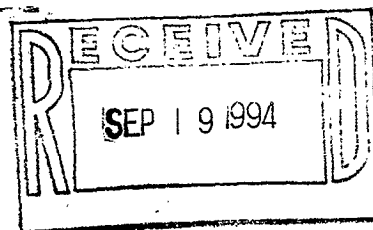


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Dear Dr. McAllister,

I am writing to seek support from The Council for Tobacco Research - U.S.A., Inc. for the 1995 Gordon Research Conference on Molecular Pharmacology. This is the 15th meeting of the Molecular Pharmacology Conference, and has evolved into an important forum for the presentation of research on the pharmacology of signal transduction. Topics covered include receptor signaling, the function of low molecular weight and heterotrimeric GTP binding proteins, and structure-based drug design. A schedule for the 1995 Conference is attached. The Conference is, I feel, particularly important for those interested in the development of new pharmaceutical agents to act at the various levels of the signal transduction/response process and thus is relevant to diverse areas of commercial interest.

The Gordon Conference concept is for small informal meetings that group together noted scientists from around the world together with young researchers. We attempt to invite a cross section of academic, government and industrial scientists as speakers. A special effort is also made to admit a significant number of predoctoral and postdoctoral fellows, who benefit from the prolonged interactions with senior scientists that is possible at this type of meeting.

The Gordon Conferences are supported partly by funds from the Gordon Conference endowment and, in the past, partly by funds provided by NIH and NSF. In order to pay the travel expenses for the speakers, we need to raise about \$25,000 more than the endowment can supply. We have applications in to NSF and NIH and hope to receive some support although this is by no means guaranteed. However, past experience is that at best these agencies provide only partial funding, typically no more than \$5,000. Thus, even if we receive funding similar to past years we have a significant shortfall - with the current pressure on research funds from both of these agencies, we may not even receive support at the previous level. A contribution from The Council for Tobacco Research - U.S.A., Inc. would be greatly appreciated in these dire economic times to help us maintain the vitality and quality of the scientific exchanges at what has become an important international forum in molecular pharmacology.

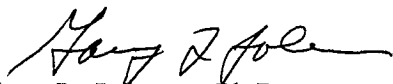
I hope you will be able to help us and I thank you in advance for your time and effort on our behalf.

Contributions should be made out to the Molecular Pharmacology Gordon Conference and mailed either to:

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Sincerely,



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Enclosure